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SUBJ: PRESIDENT'S SPEECH AT NIGER CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE

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1. PRESIDENT USED OPENING SESSION OF NIGERIEN CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE (JUNE 3) TO MAKE PRONOUNCEMENT ON GON FOREIGN POLICY WHICH HIGHLIGHTED:

(A) OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF OIL FIND IN COUNTRY (REFTEL)

(B) ANNOUNCEMENT OF UPCOMING PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO FRANCE

(C) GENERAL THRUST OF NIGERIEN FOREIGN POLICY SINCE MILITARY TAKEOVER LAST YEAR.

2. ALTHOUGH CONTINUING TO STRESS DIVERSIFICATION OF SOURCES OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE, PRESIDENT ALSO HIGHLIGHTED NECESSITY

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TO CONSOLIDATE AND REACTIVATE LONG STANDING TIES WITH TRADITIONAL PARTNERS. IN THIS CONTEXT, HE ANNOUNCED THAT HIS

FIRST TRIP OUTSIDE OF AFRICA WILL BE MADE TO FRANCE AT END OF JUNE. WE UNDERSTAND TRIP WILL BE PRIVATE BUT THAT KOUNTCHE WILL MEET WITH VGE AND OTHER GOF OFFICIALS.

3. IN GIVING GENERAL OVERVIEW OF NIGER'S DIPLOMACY SINCE COUP D'ETAT PRESIDENT PLACED MAJOR EMPHASIS ON INTRA-AFRICAN ISSUES AND STRESSED NECESSITY OF AFRICAN SOLIDARITY WITHIN CONTEXT OF OAU. HE GAVE CLEAREST AND STRONGEST CONDEMNATION TO DATE OF SOUTH AFRICA AND ITS UNSPECIFIED PARTNERS WHICH SUPPLY IT WITH ARMS, CAPITAL AND TECHNOLOGY. OUTSIDE OF AFRICA, NIGER'S POLICY IS NON-ALIGNED AS EVIDENCED, ACCORDING TO KOUNTCHE, BY COUNTRIES RECOGNIZED SINCE COUP D'ETAT: PRC, NORTH KOREA, NORTH VIETNAM, PRG AND GDR.HECK

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